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ROY JENKINS, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, SPOKE DECEMBER 1 TO A
GROUP OF AMERICAN AND BELGIAN-AMERICAN CLUBS IN BRUSSELS
ON THE SUBJECT OF "THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMUNITY,
BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." SUMMARY OF HIS
REMARKS ON U.S.-COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOLLOWS.

IN A FORWARD LOOKING AND ESSENTIALLY OPTIMISTIC SPEECH,
JENKINS STRESSED THAT THE U.S. AND THE EC HAVE CERTAIN
COMMON PROBLEMS AND GOALS THAT CALL FOR COMMON ACTION.
THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND UNEMPLOYMENT -- PROBLEMS
SHARED BY THE WHOLE WESTERN WORLD -- HAVE RESISTED
NATIONAL ATTEMPTS TO REMEDY THEM AND ACCOUNT, HE SAID,
FOR "THE DETERMINATION OF THIS YEAR'S WESTERN
ECONOMIC SUMMIT TO TRY TO MAKE PROGRESS AND TO SEARCH
FOR COMMON APPROACHES TO THE STRUCTURAL ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE WORLD... IT IS IN THE LIGHT
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OF THIS COMMON PROBLEM THAT WE APPROACH BOTH OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS AND OUR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN THE WORLD
AS A WHOLE."

TRADE PROBLEMS DOMINATE THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, JENKINS SAID. HE NOTED
THE EUROPEAN CONCERN WITH THE STEADY RISE OF EUROPE'S

TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO REHASH THE DISPUTE WHICH ARISES FROM TIS SITUATION, BUT RATHER TO STRESS "OUR MUTUAL DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW SUCH ISSUES TO OBSCURE OUR ESSENTIAL UNITY AT A CRITICAL TIME IN WORLD TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS." BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. NEED, HE STATED, A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. VICE PRESIDENT HARFERKAMP'S MOST RECENT TALKS WITH MR. STRAUSS GIVE "A REASONABLE AND ENCOURAGING EXPECTATION. WE MUST BOTH SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM."

JENKINS SAID THE WEIGHT AND AUTHORITY OF THE EC IN THE WORLD ARE GROWING. "THE COMMUNITY HAS SOWN IN RECENT MONTHS ITS APPRECIATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE THIRD WORLD," IN PARTICULAR THROUGH GIVING EFFECT TO THE LOME CONVENTION. IN THE EYES OF THE SECOND AND THIRD WORLDS THERE IS MORE THAN ONE SOURCE OF WESTERN POWER, JENKINS STATED. THE VALUES WHICH THE EUROPEAN, NORTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES SHARE, AND OUR JOINT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITIES, COMBINE, IN HIS OPINION, "NOT JUST TO ADD TO OUR MUTUAL STRENGTH BUT TO PLAY COMPLEMENTARY PARTS IN FACING UP TO THE PRESENT STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY."

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THE COINCIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TOO OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE NEW COMMISSION HAS GIVE A NEW, JOINT OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP AND OUR HOPES FOR ITS FUTURE. "IT WAS CLEAR FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON IN THE SPRING THAT HE IS READY TO CONTEMPLATE THE COMMUNITY NOT ONLY AS A PRIMARY FOCUS OF AMERICAN INTEREST BUT AS AN ACCEPTABLE PARTNER IN A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL ISSUES. THE VITALITY OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY BEEN UNDERLINED ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNITED STATES-COMMUNITY HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH. I NOW LOOK FORWARD TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE COMMUNITY ON 6 JANUARY."

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